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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on the Philippines for General Accounting  
Office (GAO) Staffers

1. On 21 May 1985, GAO staffers Cynthia Maher and William Chiplis were briefed on the current situation in the Philippines by [redacted] from the Directorate of Intelligence, Office of East Asian Analysis. The secret level briefing took place from 1400-1500 in 6E13. Briefing notes were classified secret and forwarded to GAO. [redacted]

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2. The GAO staffers are in the early stages of a self-initiated report on U.S. security assistance to the Philippines. From CIA they sought a general overview of the growing Communist insurgency in the Philippines, and the threat it poses to the government of President Marcos. [redacted] discussed activities of the Communist New People's Army which is capitalizing on growing discontent among workers in the severely depressed sugar industry and among other disgruntled members of society. The briefing also covered the lackluster efforts by the military to conduct a counterinsurgency campaign. [redacted] pointed out that corruption in the military and among the elite of the bureaucracy and business world impede governmental efforts to improve conditions for the lower levels of society. [redacted]

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3. The GAO staffers expressed appreciation for the briefing and asked for no further assistance.

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